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SUBJECT: VISIT OF THREE WEST AFRICAN PRESIDENT TO UAE

REFS: (A) DAKAR 1826, (B) BAMAKO 1270

1. PRESIDENTS MUSA TRAORE OF MALI, OULD DADA OF MAURETANIA, AND LEOPLOLD SENGHOR VISITED THE UAE MARCH 13-14 AS PART OF THEIR SWING THROUGH THE GULF STATES TO SEEK AID FOR SENEGAL RIVER PROJECT. THREE PRESIDENTS WERE MET BY UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID AND OTHER HIGH LEVEL UAE OFFICIALS. AT CONCLUSION OF THEIR VISIT, UAE ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY THAT IT WOULD PARTICIPATE IN FINANCING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE OF TRILATERAL SENEGAL RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT BUT NO SPECIFIC AMOUNT WAS MENTIONED.

2. WHEN I MET ACCOMPANYING MEMBERS OF DELEGATION AT
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STATE DINNER IN ABU DHABI, I WAS INFORMED THAT THREE PRESIDENTS SEEKING SOME \$240 MILLION IN FINANCING, HAVING ALREADY OBTAINED PLEDGES FOR \$260 MILLION FROM VARIOUS SOURCES INCLUDING IBRD, ISLAMIC BANK, FRENCH AND WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENTS.

3. IN MEETING WITH UAE FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI

MARCH 19, HE TOLD ME CONFIDENTIALLY THAT UAE HAD AGREED TO PARTICIPATE THROUGH ABU DHABI FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THAT UAE COMMITMENT WOULD BE FOR \$50 MILLION. SUWAIDI SAID SAUDI DEVELOPMENT FUND HAD PLEDGED \$100 MILLION AND KUWAITIS \$75 MILLION. THIS CONFIRMS INFORMATION REPORTED REF B WHICH WAS RECEIVED AFTER MY MEETING WITH SUWAIDI. HOWEVER, SUWAIDI DID NOT INDICATE THAT THIS WOULD BE UAE'S "FIRST CONTRIBUTION." INSTEAD, HE MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT THIS WOULD BE A MAJOR UAE CONTRIBUTION TO AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT AND THAT THERE WERE NUMBER OF OTHER AFRICAN CLAIMANTS NOW IN THE WINGS, SUCH AS DJIBOUTI (SEE SEPTTEL).
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